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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: National Medical Support Notice - NPRM

OMB No.: 0970-0222

Description: The National Medical Support Notice (NMSN) is a two-part document to be completed by state child support enforcement agencies, employers, and health plan administrators to assist in enforcing health care coverage provisions in a child support order. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) developed and maintains Part A of the NMSN, which is sent to an obligor's employer for completion; the Department of Labor (DOL) developed and maintains Part B of the NMSN, which is provided to health care administrators following completion of Part A.

DOL revised Part B to conform with changes to the currently approved Part A and is seeking a three year approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). To avoid burdening the state child support enforcement agencies with potential reprogramming at varying times due to future changes in either Part A or Part B, the Administration for Children and Families is resubmitting an unchanged information collection package and requesting an extension to the current OMB approval of NMSN Part A to synchronize with the expiration date of NMSN Part B.

Respondents: State child support enforcement agencies, employers, and health plan administrators.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
National Medical Support Notice	54	97,775	0.17	897,574.50

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 897,574.50

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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